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## COSTA RICA.

*Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.*PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *June 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended June 23. The following vessels have cleared from this port direct for the United States:

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	Crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers.	Number of pieces baggage disinfected.
June 21	Steamship Olympia.....	Seiders.....	39	New Orleans, La.....	1	1
June 22	Steamship Hispania.....	Frockberg .....	21	.....do .....	0	0

The sanitary conditions of this port and surrounding country are very good. Six deaths during the week. On 18th a child, 3 months, from inanition, 1 stillborn; 19th, 1 stillborn; on '23d, a child, 1 year and 5 months, from acute enteritis; an adult, 55 years, from carcinoma of uterus, and a child 6 months, from dysentery.

Respectfully,

J. GREY THOMAS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Case of measles on the steamship Olympia.*PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *June 21, 1900.*

SIR: Upon the arrival of the S. S. *Olympia* from New Orleans, La., on June 20, there was found a child (5 years) convalescing from measles. The cabin, bed clothes, and child's clothing were properly disinfected under my supervision.

Respectfully,

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## CUBA.

*Report from Cienfuegos.*CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *July 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended June 30, 1900, 15 deaths have occurred in this city, 3 from malaria and 2 from intestinal diseases. No contagious diseases reported. Four of these deaths occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate 19.55. Thirteen vessels were inspected at this port during the week. Two vessels received bills of health to other ports.

During the month of June 86 deaths have occurred in this city, of which 15 were in the civil hospital. Sixty-four vessels, 1,516 members of crews, and 785 passengers were inspected; 28 bills of health were issued; 13 alien steerage passengers were inspected and allowed to land.

No official news of the situation in Santa Clara barracks received since last report.

The health of Cienfuegos is good, having few cases of sickness for the amount of the population.

The rainy season continues; heavy rainfall each afternoon.

*Santa Cruz del Sur.*—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 1 death in that port during the week and no contagious diseases; health of port good; inspected 6 vessels during the week.

*Casilda.*—Dr. Alejandro Cantero's report not yet received; will forward upon arrival.

There has been the following amount of baggage handled during the month of June at this station: Thirty-three pieces of baggage disinfected and so labeled; 171 pieces of baggage inspected and passed and so labeled; 9 bundles of clothing of stevedores working on steamship *Bergen* were disinfected before being allowed to land.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine Hospital Service.*

*Report from Havana.*

HAVANA, CUBA, July 2, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose the report for the week ended June 30, 1900, together with the mortuary statistics of that ended June 27, 1900.

Both last week and this week have been marked by a sharp increase of death rate, which has been equal to the normal of this season of the year—144 last week and 134 this.

Yellow fever is on the increase, but has not maintained the ratio of increase with which it started two weeks ago. Seventeen new cases were reported in June, not counting 2 cases in which the infection was believed to be contracted elsewhere. Six deaths occurred from this disease during the month, the normal for the ten years preceding the war, among the civil population, being 13. The sanitary conditions, then, as regards yellow fever are decidedly favorable.

To this date the shipping and water front, and, indeed, all parts of the city reasonably adjacent (one-quarter mile) from the water front, have reported no fever. Nearly all of the new cases are in the section already referred to as infected. It is fortunate for the shipping that the water front keeps free and lessens our work among the ships; on the other hand, it increases our baggage work, a large quantity of baggage leaving the city requiring disinfection.

The passenger traffic for the United States is undergoing marked diminution, more so than the report shows, as it includes a number of passengers going to Spain, the vessels calling at New York, but the passengers not expected to land there.

The transfer from the *Protector* to the *Sanator* has been complete, and within a month I shall be able to tell how much and what class of work the new vessel can do. In the beginning, of course, things do not go smoothly after change of equipment.

Respectfully,

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